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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

08/447,757

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to the telephone conversation on 01/30/97

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 35-39, 41-48, 50-73, and 76-85

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 8

☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on Nov 3, 1995, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 26

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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The following office action is in response to patent examination application serial number 08/447,757, filed on 05/23/95.

Acknowledgement is made of the receipt of the response filed 11/06/96. Claims 50-85 have been added. Claims 35-39 and 41-85 are pending on the merits.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION - page 2, line 3, after "filed 5/4/93"

replace " This patent application" with --, which--.

CLAIM 49 - cancel.

CLAIM 56 - line 1, replace "42" with --50--.

CLAIM 64 - line 4, replace "then" with --than--.

CLAIM 68 - line 9, delete "a protrusion on one of said block top surface to said block top or bottom surface,".

CLAIMS 74 AND 75 - cancel.

CLAIM 76 - line 13, replace "is" with --are--.

CLAIM 77 - line 1, replace "from" with --front--.

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CLAIM 81 - line 2, after "between" insert --said--.

AUTHORIZATION FOR EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with John J. Gresens on 01/30/97.

ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claims 35-39, 41-48, 50-73 and 76-85 allowable over the prior art of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Christopher Kent at (703) 308-2497.



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